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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Los Angeles – 10 Gang Members Indicted on Federal Drug Charges**

(U) Federal agents arrested eight people connected to a South Bay street gang yesterday for allegedly trafficking drugs like heroin and pounds of methamphetamine out-of-state, as well as into a state prison, authorities said. The indictment names 10 members and associates of the East Side Torrance street gang, the US Department of Justice said in a news release. The indictment alleges the gang trafficked several pounds of meth to Colorado, as well as smuggled meth and heroin into Kern Valley State Prison located in Delano.

SOURCE: 15 November 2018, [KTLA](#)

(U) San Diego – Man Pleads Guilty to Smuggling 20,000 Fentanyl Pills

(U) A Tijuana resident pleaded guilty yesterday in San Diego federal court to smuggling tens of thousands of fentanyl pills into the United States. Fernando Jesus Peraza, 38, was arrested at San Ysidro Port of Entry on 8 August after customs officers found four packages of drugs concealed in a passenger-side rear quarter panel of his vehicle. As part of his plea in the case, Peraza admitted to smuggling roughly 20,000 fentanyl pills. He also conceded that he was aware that quantities of the powerful and often deadly narcotic, or some other controlled substance, were hidden in his vehicle.

SOURCE: 15 November 2018, [Fox 5 San Diego](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Mexico – More Than 1500 Migrants Arrive at US-Mexico Border**

(U) Tijuana – Hundreds of refugees and migrants that were part of a caravan travelling from Central America has reached the city of Tijuana at the US-Mexico border. In joining the more than 750 people that had already reached the city, there are now more than 1,500 migrants. Another 2,000 more refugees and migrants are expected to arrive in Tijuana by the weekend.

SOURCE: 15 November 2018, [The Independent](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Columbia – US Announces Sanctions Against 17 Saudis over Reporter's Death**

(U) Washington – The US Treasury Department announced a round of sanctions against 17 Saudi Arabians yesterday in response to the killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi. The sanctions fall under an executive order implementing the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act. "The Saudi officials we are sanctioning were involved in the abhorrent killing of Jamal Khashoggi," Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin said in a statement.

SOURCE: 15 November 2018, [CBS News](#)

(U) Florida – Coast Guard Offloads 18.5 Tons of Cocaine

(U) Fort Lauderdale – An estimated \$500 million dollars' worth of cocaine was offloaded Wednesday by

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the crew of the Coast Guard cutter James yesterday at Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale, according to the Coast Guard. The cocaine was seized in international waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean, off the coasts of Mexico, Central and South America. There were 15 separate suspected drug smuggling vessel interdictions performed by multiple US Coast Guard cutters.

SOURCE: 15 November 2018, [CBS News](#)

(U) Kentucky – Hate Crime Charges for Man Accused of Shooting African American Victims at Store

(U) Louisville – A Kentucky man was indicted yesterday on federal hate crime charges in the deaths of two African American victims at a Kroger grocery store last month. Gregory Bush, who is white, killed Maurice Stallard, in the store and Vickie Jones in the parking lot on 24 October in the Louisville suburb of Jeffersontown, authorities said. Bush had tried to enter a predominantly African American church nearby, minutes before the fatal shooting, police said. After the shooting, Bush exchanged multiple rounds of gunfire in the Kroger parking lot with an armed civilian who had a concealed carry permit. Police arrested Bush shortly after the shooting.

SOURCE: 15 November 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) New York – Man Guilty of Attempting to Support ISIS

(U) Manhattan – A New York man who left his family with the intent to join ISIS in Syria pleaded guilty to attempting to provide and conspiring to provide material support to the terrorist organization, according to the Justice Department. Adam Raishani of the Bronx was initially arrested in June 2017 just before he was about to board a flight for Turkey from New York's John F. Kennedy Airport. On Wednesday, he pleaded guilty in Manhattan federal court to one count of attempting to provide material support to ISIS.

SOURCE: 14 November 2018, [Washington Examiner](#)

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(U) Argentina – 12 Arrested in Bomb Attacks Ahead of G20 Summit

(U) Buenos Aires – Argentine officials said yesterday they have arrested 12 presumed anarchists in connection with two homemade bomb attacks two weeks before world leaders gather in Buenos Aires for the Group of 20 summit. One bomb exploded Wednesday night near the mausoleum of a police chief assassinated by anarchists on 14 November 1909. A woman suspected of involvement was injured and hospitalized in a coma, authorities said.

SOURCE: 15 November 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Australia – Men Guilty of Christmas Terror Plot

(U) Melbourne – Three men have been found guilty of planning a jihadi-inspired mass casualty terror attack in Melbourne's Federation Square at Christmas in 2016. A Supreme Court jury took six and a half days to deliver its verdict in the trial of Ahmed Mohamed, Abdullah Chaarani and Hamza Abbas, finding they had conspired with a fourth man, Ibrahim Abbas, to plan a terror attack in Melbourne.

SOURCE: 14 November 2018, [The Australian](#)

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